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Delegation which called earlier this morning (Embassy telegram 149) returned and reported Colonel Castillo Armas had met with officers from Basemilitar and Guardia de Honor who were rather apologetic about yesterday's attack on Castillo's Liberation Army which they attributed to inflamed spirits. They strongly reaffirmed their allegiance to government and said they had never been opposed to Junta but only to excesses of Liberation Army.

This semi-apology represents only superficial smoothing over of basically unstable situation but does provide government with breathing spell.

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